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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT REACHED ON DRAFT DEFERMENTS FOR CAMBODIAN
MONKS IN VINH BINH

REF: CAN THO 0089

1. A GVN DELEGATION MET WITH CAMBODIAN MONK LEADERS THIS
MORNING IN VINH BINH (P) TO SEEK AN AGREEMENT ON THE PROBLEM
OF DRAFT DEFERMENTS FOR CAMBODIAN MONKS. ATTENDING THE MEETING
ON THE GVN SIDE WERE MINISTER OF INTERIOR LE CONG CHAT,
DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE TON THAT CHUOC, CHIEF OF THE
MANPOWER DIRECTORATE MG BUI DINH DAM, MR4 COMMANDER MG NGUYEN
KOA NAM, MR4 CHIEF OF MANPOWER LT. COL. NGUYEN HUU DUC,
PROVINCE CHIEF LT. COL. NGUYEN VAN SON, AND A COLONEL REPRE-
SENTING THE JGS. THE CAMBODIAN DELEGATION WAS LEAD BY VINH
BINH KHERANKAY MONK NGU SIEU. THE MEETING BEGAN AT 0930 HRS
AND ENDED ON 1445 HRS. AN AGREEMENT WAS REPORTEDLY WORKED OUT
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WHEREBY MONK ASPIRANTS CAN RECEIVE A DRAFT DEFERMENT WITH THE

APPROVAL OF FOUR PEOPLE: THE CHEF MONK OF THE PAGODA HE WISHES TO JOIN, HIS VILLAGE CHIEF, THE CHIEF OF THE SECT AT PROVINCE LEVEL, AND THE PROVINCE CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS SERVICE CHIEF.

2. THIS AGREEMENT APPEARS WORKABLE AND SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS SOLVING THE PRICKLY PROBLEM OF THE DRAFT STATUS OF CAMBODIAN MONKS IN VINH BINH. WE DO NOT YET KNOW IF THE AGREEMENT WILL APPLY TO OTHER PROVINCES WITH CAMBODIAN COMMUNITIES.
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